

**PROTECTING TAXPAYERS**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting taxpayers from incompetent and unethical return preparers, after receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; James R. McTigue, Jr., Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; William C. Cobb, H&R Block, Kansas City, Missouri; Janis Salisbury, Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners, Oregon City; John A. Barrick, Jr., Brigham Young University Marriott School of Management, Provo, Utah; Chi Chi Wu, National Consumer Law Center,

Boston, Massachusetts; and Dan Alban, Institute for Justice, Arlington, Virginia.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed international affairs budget request for fiscal year 2015 for national security and foreign policy priorities, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 4419–4430; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 546–549 were introduced. **Pages H3056–58**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H3058**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Woodall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2993**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2999**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 546, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3001**

**Baseline Reform Act:** The House passed H.R. 1871, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 168. **Pages H3014–21**

Rejected the Bustos motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 167. **Pages H3019–21**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H3014–15**

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1874), (H.R. 1871), and (H.R. 1872), was agreed to on Friday, April 4th.

**Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024:** The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 96, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024. Consideration of the concurrent resolution is expected to resume tomorrow, April 9th. **Pages H3001–14, H3021–39**

H. Res. 544, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 170, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 169. **Pages H3022–23**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3001.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2195 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H3054**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3020–21, H3021, H3022, and H3022–23. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—NASA**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA Request and Oversight of NASA Security. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FIELD AGENCIES FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture Field Agencies FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael Scuse, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Juan Garcia, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Phil Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service; Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Africa Command FY 2015 Budget. This was a closed hearing.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy, Environmental Management FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dave Huizenga, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Education

FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United States Agency for International Development FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Special Forces Command FY 2015 Budget. This was a closed hearing.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on General Services Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Tangherlini, Administrator, General Services Administration.

### **RUSSIAN MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Russian Military Developments and Strategic Implications”. Testimony was heard from Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Frank Pandolfe, USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

### **THE FY15 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY AND THE CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM: COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “The FY15 Budget Request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Chemical Biological Defense Program: Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing Global Environment”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca K. C. Hersman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, Department of Defense; Kenneth Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Carmen Spencer, Joint